S.T.D. service in Chandrapur

2480. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the S.T.D. service from the city of Chandrapur (Maharashtra) has been extended to more than 180 cities in the country;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the S.T.D. facility has been provided from Chandrapur to Delhi, Hyderabad and Jammu also but the same is not available from these cities to Chandrapur;

(c) whether there was some technical fault or negligence; and

(d) if so, and by when this line is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. S.T.D. facility has been provided from Chandrapur to Delhi, Hyderabad and Jammu. This facility is now available from Delhi and Jammu to Chandrapur but not from Hyderabad.

(c) The STD facility from Hyderabad to Chandrapur has not been provided due to technical limitation in the equipment at Hyderabad.

(d) S.T.D. facility from Hyderabad to Chandrapur is likely to start functioning by April' 87

Telephone facilities in rural areas of U.P.

2481. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of block headquarters, police stations and degree colleges in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh enjoying the facility of a telephone connection;

(b) the number of P.C.O.s in rural areas of U.P.; and

(c) what are the proposals of Government of tele-communications facility in the rural areas of U.P. in the third year of the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) 889 Block headquarters and 952 villages with Police-stations are having Telecom. facility. Specific information regarding Degree colleges in the rural areas having telephone facility is not being maintained by the Department.

(b) There are 3814 Long Distance Public Telephones in rural areas of U.P.

(c) There is a plan to open 150 Long Distance Public Telephones in the third year of the Seventh Plan.

Navodaya Vidyalaya in Tamil Nadu

2482. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish any Navodaya Vidyalaya in Tamil Nadu in which the medium of instruction will be in Tamil and English only; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The Government propose to establish one Navodaya Vidyalaya in every district of the country including Tamil Nadu by 1990 in which medium of instruction ill be the mother-tongue/regional language upto Class VII or VIII and thereafter the common medium would be Hindi/English.

(b) The scheme for setting up Navodaya Vidyalayas envisages the Vidyalayas as pace-setter institutions.